

CARR-658

Hilltop Garage  
vicinity of Westminster  
public (restricted)

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Sam Hughes Shop, Bowers Shop

AND/OR COMMON

Hilltop Garage

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

630 Hughes Shop Road

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Maryland State Dept, of Transportation

NAME

State Highway Administration (Office of Real Estate)

Telephone #: (301) 383-4035

STREET &amp; NUMBER

501 St. Paul Place

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21202

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Carroll County Court House

condemnation case tried in circuit

Liber #: court 3 Sept. 1963

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Hilltop Garage is located on the NE side of Taneytown Pike (Maryland 140) ca. 550' NW of its junction with Hughes Shop Road, 2½ miles NW of Westminster in Carroll County, Maryland. Prior to the 1960s the garage occupied a corner site with Hughes Shop Road bordering on the NW. This road has since been relocated.

The building is a 1-story frame rectangular block with a NW-SE longitudinal axis, a moderately pitched gable roof, and a modest brick chimney adjoining the NE facade. Portions of the floor are poured concrete while others are dirt. Adjoining the right side of the NE facade is a 1-story rectangular projecting with a shed roof which continues the pitch of the gable. This projection was likely the site of a forge, since lower portions of its walls are built of brick and the chimney adjoins to the SE. Another much larger rectangular projection with shed roof adjoins on the SW. It may date from the early twentieth century. Its SW facade contains a single door while its entire SE wall opens to permit vehicular entry. Several windows, most of which are of the 6/6 double-hung sash type, irregularly pierce the walls of both the main block and its projections. Wall surfaces are sheathed in asphalt shingle, the roof in metal sheets.

Ca. 20' SW of the building and ca. 6' below a short concrete retaining wall is a bellcast double hip canopy, sheathed in shingles and supported by four wrought iron columns. Formerly, the canopy sheltered a gasoline pump.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	186-	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See continuation sheet.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.27 A.  
Quadrangle name: New Windsor, Maryland  
Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000  
UTM Reference: 18.325220.4384340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Richard D. Meyer/Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Carroll County Land Records.

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, An Illistrated Atlas  
of Carroll County, Maryland. 1877, p. 24.

Martenet's Map of Carroll County Maryland, 1862.

Martin, George (tenant since 1932), interview with  
author, Westminster, 23 April 1980 and 12 May  
1980.

Shearer, W.O., Map of Carroll County Maryland,  
1862.

State Highway Administration, plats # 27290 and  
28233.

-----, R/W file # 50088.

Topographical Atlas of Maryland Counties of Carroll  
and Frederick, 1873 (MHS Collection).

#### 10. Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the point where the boundary between the  
former John D. Roop property and the former Lavinia C. Roop  
Wenger property meets the Taneytown Pike (Maryland 140),  
proceed NE 125' along said boundary, turning 90° SE, proceed  
100', thence turning 90° SW, proceed ca. 116' to Taneytown  
Pike (Maryland 140), and from thence, following said road,  
proceed NW ca. 102' to the point of origin. (See plat # 28233).

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Chain of Title

William E. and Annie C. Roop to John D. and Edith E.  
Roop

17 September 1951 EAS 210/206

John D. Roop to William E. and Annie C. Roop  
31 January 1923 EMMjr. 141/275

John D. Roop property included the following:

William H. Himes to John D. Roop  
17 February 1906 DPS 103/439

Levi Black and wife to John D. Roop  
14 March 1905 DPS 101/95

Ezra C. Brown and wife to John D. Roop  
18 January 1905 DDS 100/529

Emanuel Forney and wife, Mary H. Hesson to John D.  
Roop  
11 January 1904  
19 December 1903 resp.

Levi Jones, et al, to John D. Roop  
1½ A.  
25 November 1903 JHB 98/351

Samuel Roop and wife to John D. Roop  
23 July 1881 and  
7 January 1888

John T. Diffenbaugh to John D. Roop  
1½ A.  
27 August 1879 FTS 52/319

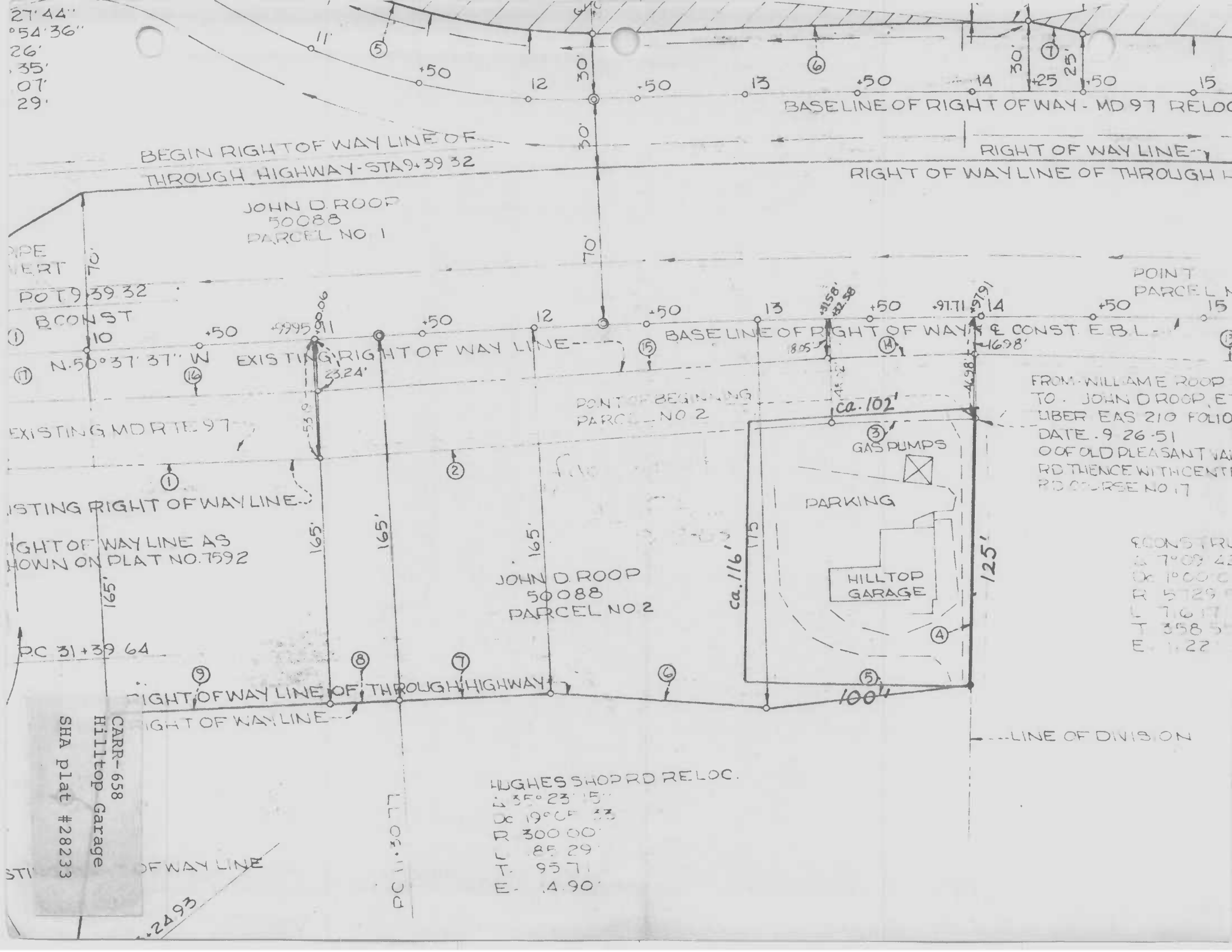
David Roop and Rebecca Roop to John D. Roop  
110+8 A.  
15 September 1868 JBB 36/301

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Chain of Title continued

William Lowery and wife to John D. Roop  
3/4 A.  
21 March 1868





27' 44"  
°54' 36"  
26'  
35'  
07'  
29'

BEGIN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF  
THROUGH HIGHWAY-STA 9+39.32

BASELINE OF RIGHT OF WAY - MD 97 RELOC

RIGHT OF WAY LINE

RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THROUGH

JOHN D ROOP  
50088  
PARCEL NO 1

PIPE  
VERT

POT 9+39.32

① BCONST  
10

① N. 50° 37' 37" W EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY LINE

BASELINE OF RIGHT OF WAY & CONST. E.B.L.

EXISTING MD RTE 97

EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY LINE

RIGHT OF WAY LINE AS  
SHOWN ON PLAT NO. 7592

PC 31+39.64

RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THROUGH HIGHWAY

RIGHT OF WAY LINE

JOHN D ROOP  
50088  
PARCEL NO 2

POINT OF BEGINNING  
PARCEL NO 2

GAS PUMPS

PARKING

HILLTOP  
GARAGE

FROM WILLIAM ROOP  
TO JOHN D ROOP, ET  
ALIBER EAS 210 FOLIO  
DATE 9-26-51  
OFF OLD PLEASANT VAL  
RD THENCE WITH CENT  
RD COURSE NO 17

RECONSTRUCT  
27° 09' 43"  
OR 1° 00' 00"  
R 5729  
L 7.617  
T 3585  
E 1.22

HUGHES SHOP RD RELOC.  
L 35° 23' 15"  
R 19° 00' 43"  
R 300.00'  
L 85.29'  
T 95.71'  
E 14.90'

STI OF WAY LINE

LINE OF DIVISION

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SHA plat #28233

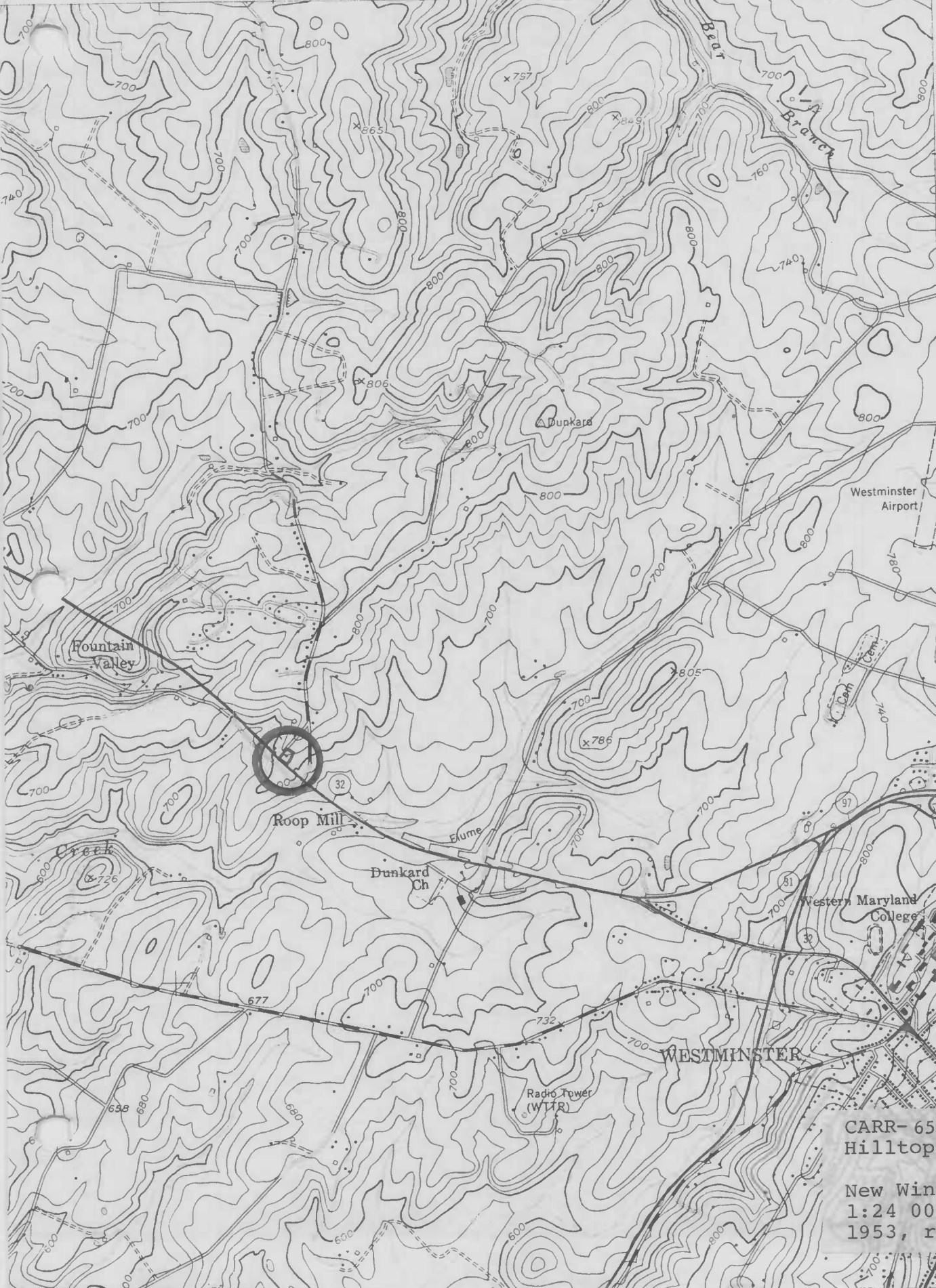
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PC 11+30.11

NEW WINDSOR QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5663 III NW  
(MANCHESTER)

PLEASANT VALLEY 0.7 MI 2'30" 325 790 000 FEET 326 327 328 77°00' 39°37'30"



650 000  
FEET  
4387

4386

4385

4384

35'

FENBY 3.9 MI.  
23 MI. TO U.S. 40

321 0

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New Windsor  
1:24 000  
1953, rev. 1971



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VICINITY OF WESTMINSTER, CARROLL CO., MD.

J. H. NEDAK 7/80 DHT  
ER. 50

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